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SUBJECT: GOI-OIL COMPANY DISCUSSIONS

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1. AS EXPECTED, GOI PRESENTED MAJOR PRODUCTION-SHARING COMPANIES WITH GOVERNMENT'S FINAL POSITION ON REVISION OF CONTRACTS JULY 23. IN ADDITION TO COMPANIES MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, GOI HAS NOW CALLED IN TOTAL (CFP). PERTAMINA PRESIDENT HARYONO GAVE COMPANIES LETTERS WHICH CONTAINED GOI'S FINAL GUIDELINES. SESSIONS WERE BRIEF AND THERE WAS LITTLE DISCUSSION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND OIL INDUSTRY REPS.

2. ACCORDING TO COMPANY SOURCES CONTACTED, GOI HAS MODIFIED ITS GUIDELINES SO THAT PRODUCTION-SHARING COMPANIES ARE NOW DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES: FIRST GROUP ARE THOSE CONTRACTORS WITH PROVEN RESERVES (FIELDS) EXPECTED TO LAST LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS; SECOND GROUP ARE THOSE WITH RESERVES LASTING MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS. CONTRACTORS IN FIRST GROUP WILL BE ALLOWED TO RECOVER COSTS ON AVERAGE SEVEN YEAR BASIS USING DOUBLE DECLINING BALANCE FORMULA. GROUP TWO COMPANIES WILL USE SAME METHOD BUT ON FOURTEEN YEAR BASIS. THIS FORMULA IS WEIGHTED TOWARD FRONT END RECOVERY AND FOLLOWS SLOPE OF PRODUCTION CURVE ON TYPICAL FIELD; IT BASICALLY ALLOWS COMPANIES TO GET ABOUT HALF THEIR DEPRECIATION IN FIRST TWO YEARS. FOR BOTH GROUPS, PROFITS WILL BE DIVIDED ON 85 PERCENT/ 15 PERCENT BASIS; THIS SPLIT REPLACES PREVIOUS 1974 WINDFALL PROFITS TAX AND 1975 ACCELERATED PRODUCTION SCHEDULE. NON-CAPITAL EXPENDITURES WILL BE EXPENSED IN YEAR OF EXPENDITURE. THESE INCLUDE GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL COSTS (GNG) AND INTANGIBLE DRILLING COSTS (IDC). EXPENDITURES MADE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1976 WILL USE STRAIGHT CARRYFORWARD METHOD WITH EIGHT PERCENT INTEREST: GROUP ONE COMPANIES WILL BE ALLOWED FIVE YEAR, STRAIGHT LINE DEPRECIATION; GROUP TWO CONTRACTORS WILL HAVE TEN YEAR STRAIGHT LINE PERIOD. PRO RATA, DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION CRUDE REQUIREMENTS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

3. PERTAMINA PRESIDENT HARYONO INSTRUCTED COMPANIES TO RETURN ON TUESDAY, JULY 27 TO FINALIZE AGREEMENT. NEW
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AGREEMENTS WILL BE RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 1976. COMPANIES WERE INFORMED THAT GOI WISHES FIRST PAYMENT DUE AUGUST WHICH WILL COVER PERIOD FROM JANUARY TO JUNE. GOVERNMENT ALSO TOLD COMPANIES THEY WOULD WORK TOWARD MAKING NEW CONTRACTS ACTUALLY EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 1, 1977 IN ORDER AVOID ANY PROBLEMS WITH IRS RULING ON PRODUCTION-SHARING AGREEMENTS. PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR 1976 PERIOD, THEREFORE, MIGHT POS-

SIBLY BE COVERED BY EXCHANGE OF SIDE LETTERS.

4. SMALLER PRODUCTION-SHARING CONTRACTORS SUCH AS HUFFCO, TESORO, ASAMERA, ETC. HAVE BEEN CONVOKED FOR MEETINGS TOMORROW, JULY 24. CALTEX, WHICH ALSO OPERATES UNDER FIVE SEPARATE PRODUCTION-SHARING AGREEMENTS, HAS ALSO BEEN SUMMONED. THIS MARKS FIRST TIME SINCE EARLY APRIL THAT THESE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN CALLED IN BY GOVERNMENT.

5. GOVERNMENT'S LATEST PRONOUNCEMENT HAS CAST PALL OVER JAKARTA'S OIL PATCH. SURVEY OF MAJOR COMPANIES INDICATES THAT LATEST GUIDELINES WILL RESULT IN REDUCTION OF COMPANIES' PER BARREL "TAKE" BE APPROXIMATELY \$2.40. THOSE COMPANIES THAT CARE TO ADMIT IT, REALIZE THAT SITUATION COULD HAVE BEEN EVEN WORSE BUT THAT IS SMALL CONSOLATION AT THIS POINT. FIRST REACTION FROM COMPANIES IS THAT THEY WILL HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY AGREEING TO THESE CHANGES.
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